

CALIFORNIA STATE RAIL PLAN

FACT SHEET

What: The California State Rail Plan (Rail Plan) establishes a statewide vision, sets priorities, and develops implementation strategies to enhance rail service in the public interest, and will serve as a basis for federal and state rail investments within the state for high speed and intercity passenger rail, commuter rail and freight rail projects. The vision, priorities and implementation strategies established in the Rail Plan will support the State's goal of an integrated, multimodal transportation system. This Rail Plan will be the first planning document that fully integrates the planned California high-speed rail system with the existing and proposed conventional rail system.

Why: The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (PRIIA) of 2008 requires that a state rail plan be developed and updated every five years. In addition, California Government Code Section 14036 requires the California Department of Transportation to complete a ten-year rail plan with both passenger and freight rail elements, and that the rail plan be updated every two years.

When: The Rail Plan contract began in late June 2011, and the Rail Plan's development will coincide with the California Interregional Blueprint Interim Report in December 2012. A Draft Rail Plan will be available to the public for review in the winter of 2012. Responses to comments will be included in the Final Rail Plan in early 2013.

How: The Division of Rail has been approved for approximately \$3 million High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) grants from the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) for the development of the State Rail Plan. This includes developing associated Service Development Plans (SDPs) for the Pacific Surfliner, Coast Daylight and the San Joaquin corridors. The Division has entered into a consultant contract with AECOM and Cambridge Systematics to help develop the Rail Plan. The SDPs will be developed first and used as input into the final overall Rail Plan. Business plans for California High-Speed Rail and Capitol Corridors will also be incorporated into the plan. Rail stakeholders, partners and the public will be involved in developing the Rail Plan.

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